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The Chinese Communists are requisitioning foodstuffs and manpower from the Manchurian peasantry.

500,000 Manchurians have been pressed into service to support the Chinese Communist war effort, and have been organized as follows:

- a. 274 food-transport squads.
- b. 420 stretcher-bearing squads.
- c. 80 engineering squads for road and bridge repair.
- d. 120 animal-transport squads.
- e. 80 motor-transport squads.
- f. 40 courier guide squads (sic).
- g. 120 temporary squads.
- h. Lookout, firefighting, and road-protection squads for civil defense.

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